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In re Application of:

de Baetselier et al.

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THE USE THEREOF

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 14, 2005, applicants present the following amendments and remarks:

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